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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Department of Justice,

The damage that Microsoft has caused the computer industry is immense. They have, time after time, showed that they will tolerate no competition, and that they are willing to take any measures, legal or not, to crush any apparent competition. Their definition of competition is virtually anyone who makes any significant profit in a segment where they are active.

The result of this is that today, it is virtually impossible to create new consumer software for the PC market. You will not make any profit from it, because if you make a successful product your best bet is to get bought by Microsoft and maybe regain what you spent on development. The alternative is that they copy the product and 'integrate' it in Windows (also known as dumping) and kill off your business.

An industry where your only place is to be a risk taker for a monopoly is not a healthy industry.

They are on their way to do the same thing with the server market. This time leveraging the desktop monopoly, making sure that the deals for the desktop becomes painful if companies do not buy the server products.

The remedy in the settlement is not enough. It is not a significant deterrent to prevent further illegal practices, nor does it adress the structural damage to the industry that their practices have resulted in.

The courts and the department of justice must not allow lawbreakers to profit from their illegal actions and sneer at the legal system in the way that Microsoft has done.

Please make sure that crime does not pay. This settlement does not do that, because the 'pay' for this crime ranges in the hundreds of billions of dollars, and unless stronger remedies are used the illegal practices will continue.

Best regards,
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